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ATTN: SCA/VO

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TAGS: CASC, UK
SUBJECT: PROPOSED EXPULSION FROM UK OF PHILIP AGEE AND
MARK HOSENBALL

REF: LONDON 6996

1. LONDON DAILY, "THE GUARDIAN," TODAY (MAY 3) REPORTED
THAT MARK HOSENBALL YESTERDAY ANNOUNCED HIS INTENTION
TO MARRY ENGLISH JOURNALIST CAROLE O'DONOGHUE AND THAT
TENTATIVELY THE MARRIAGE IS PLANNED FOR EARLY JULY.
MR. HOSENBALL IS QUOTED, "THERE IS NO QUESTION OF MY
MARRIAGE BEING A DEVICE TO ALLOW ME TO REMAIN. CAROLE I

IS GOING TO LEAVE WITH ME IF NECESSARY."

2. WHILE THERE IS A PROVISION WITHIN THE IMMIGRATION
RULES ALLOWING FOREIGNERS WHO MARRY BRITISH WOMEN TO
REMAIN HERE, SUCH IS NOT AN AUTOMATIC RIGHT. THE FINAL
DECISION IN SUCH CASES RESTS WITH THE HOME SECRETARY.

3. THE AGEE-HOSENBALL CASE IS SCHEDULED FOR DEBATE IN
THE HOUSE OF COMMONS TODAY.

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4. WHILE EMBASSY DOES NOT RPT NOT KNOW THAT HOSENBALL
WILL RETURN TO US, WE ARE CONCERNED THAT HOSENBALL
AND HIS BRIDE WILL PRESENT THEMSELVES FOR AN IMMIGRANT
VISA AN HOUR OR DAY BEFORE HIS ENFORCED DEPARTURE, TOO
LATE FOR THE EMBASSY TO BE ACCOMMODATING TO THEM TO
ENSURE THEIR TRAVEL TOGETHER. SUCH A SITUATION COULD

BE THE SOURCE OF EMBARRASSING PUBLICITY FOR THE USG.
EMBASSY IS HESITANT TO CONTACT HOSENBALL IN LONDON ON
THIS SUBJECT FOR FEAR THAT OUR COMMUNICATION WILL END
UP IN THE PRESS WITH INNUENDO THAT USG IS ASSISTING

IN DEPORTATION. THIS IS PARTICULARLY SO SINCE THE ONLY
ACTUAL CONTACT EMBASSY HAS HAD WITH HOSENBALL HAS BEEN
THROUGH FATHER NEIL HOSENBALL. EMBASSY THEREFORE
REQUESTS, SUBJECT TO DEPT CONCURRENCE, THAT SCS/VO
TELEPHONE NEIL HOSENBALL CITING EMBASSY'S REPORT ON
PROPOSED MARRIAGE, CALLING ATTENTION TO IMMIGRANT VISA
PROCESSING TIME AND SUGGESTING TO HIM THAT IF MARK'S
PLANS DO INCLUDE RETURNING TO US WITH NEW WIFE THAT HE
INSTRUCT MARK OR FIANCEE TO COMMUNICATE WITH EITHER
CG LAWRENCE OR D/CG KARP AT EMBASSY, WHERE WE WOULD BE
PLEASED TO COMMENCE PRE-PROCESSING THUS POSSIBLY
ELIMINATING SOME DELAY. NEIL HOSENBALL RESIDES IN
BETHESDA; WE UNDERSTAND HE IS LISTED IN TEL DIRECTORY.

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